

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Portland Secondary College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Portland Secondary College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Portland Secondary College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Portland Secondary College Community. Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

POLICY

The full list of Portland Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

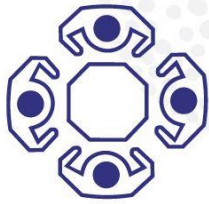
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be minimal only.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety, particularly in Science and Technology classes.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats may be worn outside. Hats are not to be worn inside.



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Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Squidilydids.
Students may also purchase second hand uniform items from others.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be able to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or Student Services to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Portland Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, enrolment packs and upon enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note on Compass will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Portland Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

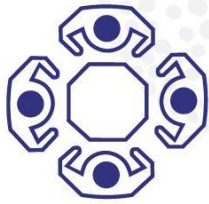
We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.



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The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Portland Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the College website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

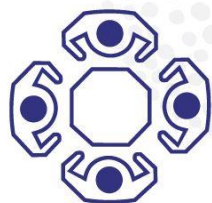
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included on Knowledge Base
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

DATE	VERSION	RATIFIED BY	NEXT REVIEW
September 2024	4	Portland Secondary College School Council	August 2025



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APPENDIX A: PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

Portland Secondary College has a Uniform Policy that all students must adhere to which is designed to create a sense of pride and promote active and safe participation for all students. It is expected that all students attending Portland Secondary College wear the full College uniform at all times during College activities, in and outside of school hours. Approved Casual Dress Days are excluded.

All uniform items are available from Squidlydids, Percy Street Portland.

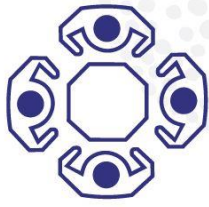
UNIFORM – YEARS 7-12	
GIRLS UNIFORM	BOYS UNIFORM
Jumper - Plain, navy, cotton/polyester V neck school jumper	Jumper - Plain, navy, cotton/polyester V neck school jumper
Shirt - PSC Polo	Shirt - PSC Polo
Trousers - 'Scag' and 'Midford' traditional grey College	Trousers - 'Scag' and 'Midford' traditional grey College
Socks - Plain black, white, grey, navy	Socks - Plain black, white, grey, navy
Shoes* - Plain black polishable (black laces)	Shoes* - Plain black polishable (black laces)
Jacket - PSC Soft Shell	Jacket - PSC Soft Shell
Dress - Blue/White check with green/gold stripes	Shorts - 'Billabong' garbardine or plain grey tailored
Kilt - Navy/green tartan with teal blue stripes	Hat - Navy bucket with logo
Shorts - 'Billabong' garbardine or plain grey tailored	Beanie - Navy with logo
Tights - Navy, black	Rain Jacket - Navy
Hat - Navy bucket with logo	Rugby Jumper - Year 11 and 12 students only
Beanie - Navy with logo	Bomber Jacket - Year 12 students only
Rain Jacket - Navy	
Rugby Jumper - Year 11 and 12 students only	
Bomber Jacket - Year 12 students only	

*Shoes must be black, polishable leather shoes to meet the Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS UNIFORM – YEARS 7-12
Portland Secondary College PE Polo shirt with logo
Plain navy or black shorts or plain navy or black tracksuit pants
Plain white socks
Clean sports footwear
PSC Soft Shell Jacket or PSC School Jumper (For Interschool Sport)

Students must change into their Physical Education/Sports Uniform for practical P.E. Classes. If students have practical PE for periods 1 and 2, they may wear their PE Uniform to school and change into full school uniform at the end of class. If students have practical PE for periods 5 and 6, they may change into their PE Uniform for class and then wear their PE Uniform home.

Students are expected to wear the correct College Uniform at all times. When this is not possible, a uniform pass must be obtained from the student's Mentor or Level Leader at the start of the day. A note of explanation must be presented on the day. Students must be back in uniform as soon as possible.



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Students are expected to take pride in their grooming and hygiene and students should be well presented and clean at all times. Makeup, jewellery, body art or piercings must be minimal.